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CONFUSION BREEDS DEFEAT FATHER CRONIN SPEAKS FOR HIMSELF

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Here is a highly-educated Priest with a good vocabulary who has read many books, hence believes himself to be an authority on communism. His education qualifies him to write interesting articles on what he knows about communism. Apparently, he knows little about "fronts," or fears to become unpopular.

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The seventeen countries taken over by communism had only the Communist Party with which to deal. In the United States, we have a different situation.

When Common Sense began publishing, there were approximately 2,000 communist fronts in the U.S. Today authorities agree there are roughly 200, a number of which have infiltrated the government. Some fronts were consolidated; others were disbanded because of exposure, but the remaining 200 are influential, hard-core fronts. Fr. Cronin, like some other honest authorities, fears to oppose these fronts, because they have been set up by "so-called" Jews, who are regarded as sacred monkeys. Retaliation by the Jews prevents many from examining the origin of communism.

The public has been left under the impression that Fr. Cronin speaks for the Catholic Church. HE DOES NOT. He has confused and weakened the opposition to the red plague which is sweeping the earth.

Forty-three million Catholics in the United States, if correctly informed, could stop communism in sixty days.

FATHER CRONIN SPEAKS FOR HIMSELF

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It is one of the unhappy trends of our tense times that long conclusions are drawn from short assumptions. Straws in the wind suddenly loom up as haystacks; generalizations unexpected blossom in parched and ill-sown fields.

Such a pattern, we believe, is reflected in this week's furore involving Rev. John speaking as a body, traditionally set forth F. Cronin, S.S. Fr. Cronin is assistant director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference. He has authored a booklet entitled: Communism: Threat To Freedom.

In a Washington news conference held last Thursday to announce publication of the booklet, Fr. Cronin took occasion to divulge some of its contents, and, in response to questions, made application of these contents to existing movements in the United States.

The contents of Fr. Cronin's booklet, as well as his application of them, represent his personal views on the nature of the Communist threat and on the nature of methods of combatting that threat. Being his personal views, he has a right to express

There are others of equal authority and repute who disagree with these views. This certainly is their right, also. Provided that HE CONFUSES AND WEAKENS THE WILL TO RESIST



Rev. John F. Cronin, S. S.

both sides avoid the use of opprobrious labels, such is a healthy condition of intellectual ferment among free men.

However, such healthy debate becomes unhealthily weighted when an individual's viewpoint becomes clothed with an authority not his own. Unfortunately, this seems to have occurred in this particular case.

Newspaper reports on Fr. Cronin's remarks at his news conference gave the impression that he was speaking with the authority of the Catholic Bishops of this Country. This is a very long conclusion indeed, one of those generalizations which, as we mentioned, have a tendency to blossom in an ill-sown field.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States, their views on current issues in a lengthy statement issued at their annual meeting each November. This statement bears the signatures of the members of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Fr. Cronin's booklet does not bear these signatures.

We refuse to believe that Fr. Cronin would deliberately foster the impression that he was voicing an official policy and viewpoint in the name of the American Hierarchy. As a matter of fact, we are reliably informed that Fr. Cronin, subsequent to published reports of his news conference, definitely repudiated in writing any such impression as to his position. It is regrettable that this repudiation was not made more widely known.

Lenin said: "For every communist we have ten others willing and able to do their work."

Fr. Cronin's "Extremists"

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By Dr. J. Lorac

A Front Page display in the New York Times of March 2nd, 1962 beamingly announced the publication of a pamphlet by the National Catholic Welfare Conference against so-called "extremists of the Right." Although the release opens with the words: "The CATHOLIC CHURCH began a national campaign today, etc.," it emerges from the body of the piece that the brochure in question is authored by Fr. John F. Cronin, "a nationally recognized expert on the Communist movement for twenty years." This is of course, the kind of slanted and distorted presentation of facts so often indulged in by the Times. Fr. Cronin, I am sure, will be the first to admit that he does not speak for the "Catholic Church" anymore than I do. So much for the authorship of the pamphlet.

Who are the "extremists" attacked by Fr. Cronin? Judging from the release, "extremists" are those who frown on forced unionism; who criticize foreign aid to Communist and Socialist countries; who point to the failures of the United Nations; who fear that the Federal Government is leading the country to Socialism; who believe that the danger of Communism is more internal than external, etc. If this be so, then we must conclude that all Conservatives, including many prominent members of the Catholic Hierarchy, are "extremists" who should be denounced as "dishonest and divisive"; people who "sow distrust in our nation at a time when national unity is imperative", crackpots who "weaken our democracy" and paralyze American diplomacy." I submit that, although these and similar sweeping accusations appear in the pamphlet published by the NCWC, they are silly and preposterous just the same. Incidentally, was it not this same NCWO whose "experts" tried to sell us Fidel Castro as a well-meaning "social reformer" against the warnings of THE WANDERER, The Tablet, Human Events, and American Opin-

In fairness to Fr. Cronin, it must be granted that he does reflect the views and fears of many Catholic intellectuals of unquestioned sincerity and patriotism. But the point is-and it bears repetition-that he does not represent the teaching authority, of the Catholic Church, the Times to the contrary notwithstanding. For example he surely does not speak for Cardinal McIntyre, whose repeated and timely warnings about the dangers of UNESCO and similar Liberal pets are well known to all. Fr. Cronin surely does not speak for Cardinal Spellman, who, on December 10th, 1961, urged "all Americans to INTENSIFY their anti-communist programs" because we are now experiencing the Soviets' near-to-final chapter in world conquest: Fr. Cronin surely does not

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Fr. Cronin's "Extremists"

-o- Continued from page 1 speak for Cardinal Cushing, who, on December 6th, 1961, warned that, unless Americans are careful, they would soon find themselves "in the clutches of a Socialistic State," because "the central government has assumed unprecedented power and control over every State in the United States, and over every citizen in America." As if that were not enough, the Cardinal applauded the anti-Communist efforts of several rightist movements . . . They are well aware of the rapid advance of Socialism and Communism at home and abroad. They simply refuse to buy the Liberals' theory that the threat is not from subversion and infiltration, but rather from the military power of the Soviets.

Fr. Cronin emphasizes the "external" menace of Communism (in Europe, Asia, Latin America) while minimizing the "internal" danger. Actually, as M. Stanton Evans so lucidly demonstrates in a recent article the words "internal" and "external," strictly speaking, are meaningless in the struggle against Communism. "The Communist apparatus," he points out, "functions everywhere simultaneously, and takes no cognizance of national boundaries." Besides, "Conservative apprehension over an 'internal' danger usually means . . . the failure of Liberalism to grapple with the very 'external' danger it professes to fear." While a whole book would be needed fully to substantiate this charge of failure on the part of our Liberals, Mr. Evans' admirable summary proves his point very cogently indeed.

In his effort to minimize the Communist danger, Fr. Cronin informs us that in the United States the Party has now "reached its lowest ebb in terms of membership, finances and influences on American opinion and policy;" hence, it is comparatively "weak and impotent." This unrealistic view is not shared by, among others, J. Edgar Hoover who, as director of the FBI, should know the score. While Hoover admits that cardcarrying members have diminished in number, he assures us that the threat they pose to the Nation is actually greater now than ever before. Besides, as the 1959 Report of the American Bar Association so cleverly pointed out, "it is just as false to measure the strength of Communism in the United States by comparing the small number of Party members with the larger number of non-Communists, as it would be to measure the seaworthiness of a ship by comparing the area of its holes with the area of its hull. A few strategically placed holes can sink the largest ship."

What are the means proposed by Fr. Cronin to fight Communism? "[We must] build national unity and moral strength. Practice [our] religion, concentrate less on denunciation and more on giving leadership." We must be men of "integrity", "work for racial justice and harmony," and so forth. These are all good things, to be sure but because they are only long-range antidotes. they fail to meet the danger here and now. In this context I cannot help recalling a little story told by the late Archbishop Noll some years ago in the pages of Our Sunday Visitor. It seems that a married couple was suddenly awakened one night by the presence of a thief in their room. The wife, petrified with fear, whispered to her husband to fetch his gun and force the intruder out. To which the husband calmly replied: "Darling don't be an extremist. The proper way to deal with problems is to go to the root. What we must do is to endeavor to raise the moral standards of our community: to combat economic injustices, to see to it that our schools impress upon our children respect for other people's property; and, above all, to become shining exemplars of honesty in our dealings with others. If we do these things, then there will be no thieves to worry about. Now, please go back to

As I ponder over the admonitions of Fr. Cronin and his fellow-Liberals, the following disturbing thought keeps haunting me: Our situation in this Country at the present time may well be parallel in some respects to the one in Cuba three years ago. Let me explain. Shortly after Fidel Castro took over, I spent a few weeks in Havana visiting relatives and friends. (Incidentally, I was born and raised in Cuba, although I have been an American citizen for quite some time.) On that occasion I had the opportunity to discuss the Castro revolution with many Cuban intellectuals, including the "elite" among the clergy, and even several Bishops. They were all one hundred percent for Castro. When I told them that, in my opinion, he was nothing but a Communist puppet who would eventually turn their country into a land of misery and slavery, they ridiculed me as an "alarmist"; they claimed I was seeing Communists under every bed; they boasted that Cubans, being great lovers of freedom, would never tolerate a Communist dictatorship. They assured me that Castro was simply carrying out the social teachings of recent Popes; that, besides, a good dose of Catholic (!) Socialism was just what Cuba needed to put an end to the exploitation and economic injustices so long abetted by the capitalists, etc. Well, as time went on, I saw everyone of my predictions literally fulfilled. And what ever happened to my Cuban critics? Does Fr. Cronin care to know? I'll tell him. Many of them, who were still able to do so, fled to Miami; others are agonizingly waiting for a plane reservation to follow suit. What a tragedy if their lesson should be lost on us! We ignore it at our peril.

REVIEW OF FR. CRONIN'S BOOK COMMUNISM: THREAT TO FREEDOM

Republished from THE TABLET March 24, 1962

By Janet S. McLaughlin

Father Cronin's controversial pamphlet deserves to be carefully examined to see how it adheres to truth, reason and historical fact. When your child brings home an examination paper with a grade of 60%, you do not ordinarily commend him for his excellence in getting 3/5 of the problems right. You explain to him that 60% is not a passing grade, and then you point out the errors he has made in the hope that he might do better next time.

Consequently we do not feel it necessary to comment on those portions of the book which are right, However, adherence to a standard of truth compels one to point out his fallacies which are numerous and so basic to the pamphlet that it is a duty to list them.

(1) "The basic threat of Communism is external, not internal." (p. 47)

There has been great effort to make the American people believe this "made-in-Moscow myth." Like the magician who cleverly hand, the Reds want us to believe that the that our internal security should be relaxed in keeping with the Spirit of Camp David.

This hypothesis cannot be supported by the facts. The Communist threat is both external and internal, because Communism is an international conspiracy and recognizes no national boundaries.

The fact that makes the internal threat paramount is that the external threat IS internal. For example, the missile bases now being built on Castro's Cuba, 90 miles off the coast of Florida constitute an external threat. The internal threat is the United States policy which aided Castro to power and allowed shipments of Communist weapons and war materiel to be delivered to

The great advance in nuclear weapons made by the Soviets, as proved by their

detonation of 40 nuclear bombs last Fall including the 50-megaton bomb, constitutes an external threat. The internal threat is the United States policy under which we unilaterally stopped nuclear testing for threeand one half years and thereby allowed the Soviets, by sneak-testing, to wipe out our margin of superiority..

Soviet scientific and space advances constitute another external threat. However, the theft of our scientific secrets is the internal threat. General Arthur Trudeau, Chief of Army Research and Development, stated: "I say without fear of contradiction that the advanced state of Soviet technology today is due more to Soviet success in espionage and subversion than it is to their scientific apparatus."

(2) "After 1950, a sharp decline set in. At the present writing, it is fighting for its very existence. . . " (p. 21) "Consequently the Communist Party here is down to a few thousand members." (p. 30) "Problems (of domestic Communism) . . . were mostly solved by 1950." (p. 32)

The fact that Communist internal threat in the 1960's is greater than ever, has been confirmed by high American sources. On Sept. 24, 1961, Attorney General Robert Kennedy stated on "Meet the Press:"

"Communist espionage is more active now than ever before."

Herbert Philbrick said on Oct. 1, 1961: "Numbers don't count. As one Communist told me: 'All we need is one in the right place at the right time."

Col. Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, the highest ranking Soviet espionage agent ever apprehended in the United States, spied for the Communists throughout most of the 1950's. In testifying about Abel before the House Appropriations Committee, Jan. 16, 1958, J. Edgar Hoover said: "I mention this case particularly . . . because there are some people who think that the matter of Soviet espionage is a thing of the past and no longer exists in view of the theme of peaceful co-existence the Soviets continue to expound."

The main reason why Father Cronin comes to the false conclusion that the threat of Communism died out in 1950 is because of his false assumption: He equates the Communist threat in America with the Communist Party. The popular belief that Communism in the United States is dwindling in power because the Party is dwindling in numbers shows a complete misunderstanding of Leninism.

Lenin's great contribution to Communism was his principle of the dedicated few. He coined the expression "the fewer, the better." He originated the Party of professional revolutionaries subject to military discipline. This is how Lenin was able to establish Communism with only 17 supporters and to take over Russia with only 40,000.

The real strength of Communism in the United States is in its underground apparatus plus the number of non-Communist talks his audience into watching the wrong organizations and individuals who will, either intentionally or unintentionally, collaborate Soviet Union is only a military threat, and with the Communists. For every Communist Party member, there may be 100 non-Communists who will do the work of the Com-

The Communist apparatus faithfully follows the dictum laid down by Dimitrov at the Lenin School of Political Warfare: "Let our friends do the work. We must always remember that one sympathizer is generally worth more than a dozen militant Commu-

(3) 'In the present climate of opinion, there is little danger that the Communist Party will achieve its goal of influencing American public thinking toward Soviet goals. It will not be able to shape the policy of our government." (p. 66)

This statement can be proved false even from Father Cronin's own pamphlet. On pages 62-3, Father Cronin correctly states

the main Communist tactics, including "The Communist Party favors . . . the stopping of United States nuclear tests and the banning of all weapons, including atomic, without adequate inspection; . . . no intervention in Cuban affairs and the giving of a free hand to the Cuban government." The Communists have up until this date been successful in achieving these goals.

Communist propaganda "shaped the policy of our government" by persuading the State Department to tell the anti-Castro forces they must leave Cuba; by putting an arms embargo on the anti-Castro forces which prohibited them from receiving shipments for which they had already paid, but at the same time allowing shipments to Castro; and by our Government recognizing Castro as the legitimate Cuban government even before he arrived in Havana. (Contrast this with our refusal to recognize the Freedom Fighters after they had obtained control of Hungary.)

For months after Castro took power in Cuba, many uninformed Americans persisted in the delusion that Castro was not a Communist. On Aug. 10, 1959, NCWC (of which Father Cronin is assistant director of the Social Action Department) issued a press release quoting a supposedly well-informed priest as saying: "If this (Castro's revolution) is Communism, then Christ was a Communist." Four months earlier, the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation (which Father Cronin brands as extremist) issued a factual report showing that Castro's revolution was a Communist revolution which followed the same tactics the Communists had used so successfully in their conquest of China.

(4) "Front organizations found it difficult to find dupes (after 1950)." (p. 28)

On March 6, 1961, J. Edgar Hoover testified before a House appropriations sub-committee that there are currently 200 Communist fronts and they "have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity, youth groups, radio, television and motion picture industries; church, school, educational and cultural groups, the press, nationality minority groups and civil and political units."

(5) "The security clearance system used to keep Communists out of such positions (government jobs and defense work) has been quite effective since it was introduced in 1949 and perfected in 1951." (p. 26-27)

In 1956 the Supreme Court ruled that security risks could not be fired from nonsensitive Government jobs (Cole vs. Young), and in 1959 that executive department regulations to keep security risks from working on defense contracts could not be men Walter and Scherer have stated that there are now more than 2,000 known security risks who are working in defense plants.

Bernon Mitchell and William Martin, two by United States Government officials. top code experts, defected from the National Security Agency to Moscow in the Summer of 1960. In testifying as to why Cuba was lost to Communism, State Department officer Robert Hill said William Weiland, who was in charge of the State Department's Caribbean desk during the Castro takeover was "either a damn fool as a Soviet espionage agent.

(6) "Only three small unions are considered to be under Communist domination." (p. 30)

One of these unions controls all West Coast shipping. When Nikita Khrushchev came to America in 1959 he paid a courtesy call on the head of this union, Harry Bridges, at the union headquarters in San Francisco. Another Communist-dominated union controls the strategic metals mining industry in Amerca. The third union, the American Communications Association, controls all the tielines connecting the Pentagon and our overseas bases.

In 1956 Defense Department counsel Wilber Brucker, who later became Secretary of the Army, testified before a Senate Committee and was asked the question: "Are you conversant with the fact . . . that restricted telegrams coming in from the Pentagon have been intercepted by persons under discipline of the Communist-controlled American Communications Association?" Brucker replied: "I am aware of that. . . . I feel, sir, that that situation is nothing short of deplorable to be allowed to continue any longer than is absolutely necessary." Six years later, this situation still exists and nothing has been done to remedy it.

(7) "Direct or indirect military conquest brought Communist control to Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Albania, China, North Korea, North Vietnam, and Laos." (p. 14-15)

The most obvious error in this sentence Czechoslovakia, All Americans should read a little book written by Jan Kosak, a top Czechoslovakian Communist, called "And Not a Shot Was Fired." This was a secret report presented at the University of Prague in 1957 which was never intended to be known by the West. It describes how the Communists took over the democratic, representative government of Czechoslovakia by strictly legal means. Kosak says: "All the changes which in their entirety present a revolutionary transformation of capitalist society into a Socialist one will proceed absolutely legally." This was confirmed by Peter Zenkl, the last Vice Premier of free Czechoslovakia who said, Oct. 29, 1961, in "This Week" Magazine that his country was conquered by the Communists "without the use of military force."

In the new book "The Cardinal Spellman Story," Cardinal Spellman says that on Sept. 2, 1943, President Roosevelt told him: "It is planned to make an agreement among the Big Four. . . . Russia will predominate in Europe. . . . He (Stalin) would certainly receive Finland, the Baltic states, the eastern half of Poland, Bessarabia."

Subsequently our President agreed to withdraw recognition from the anti-Communist King Peter-Mihailovich government of Yugoslavia and recognized Tito, agreed at Yalta to Communist control of Manchuria, agreed at Potsdam to Communist control of North Korea, agreed in 1946 that the Republic of China must form a coalition government with the Communists or be denied American aid, agreed in 1956 at Geneva that North Vietnam be surrendered to the Communists, and agreed in 1961 that the anti-Communist government in Laos be enforced (Greene vs. McElroy). Congress- replaced by a coalition government in which Communists would hold key posts.

These countries did not go Communist by conquest. Communist control was imposed on them as a result of agreements made

(8) "There are three types of 'experts' whose credentials should be scrutinized with care. They are former agents of the F.B.I., former informants for the F.B.I., and persons who have had firsthand contact with the Communist Party, either as members or victims." (p. 37)

Court records and Congressional reports or a Communist." In 1961 State Department prove that F.B.I. agents, informants for official Scarbeck was convicted of serving the F.B.I., and persons who have had firsthand contact with the Communist Party as former members or as victims have a far better record of being correct on Communism than have high State Department officials, White House assistants and advisers, American Ambassadors to Soviet Russia, and the American representatives who participated in the Teheran, Yalta, Potsdam, Panmunjom, Geneva and Camp David conferences.

For instance, Ambassador Joseph Davies' considered judgment expressed in his book "Mission to Moscow": "Stalin is decent and clean living. A child would like to sit in his lap, and a dog would sidle up to him. . . .

The Soviet government has a record of keeping its treaty obligations equal to that of any nation on earth." Or, Secretary of State Dean Acheson's statement when the anti-Communists and Communists were locked in mortal combat in China: "We are going to wait until the dust settles in China."

Had our Presidents and Secretaries of State listened to F.B.I. agents and informants and to the victims of Communism, instead of to men such as Alger Hiss, Joseph Davies, Owen Lattimore and William Weiland, our Country would not be in its present position

of peril.

The Communist effort to destroy the credibility of F.B.I. agents was given a boost by the way the "Worker" featured Father Cronin's pamphlet. The "Worker" (March 11, 1962) devoted two columns to quotations from Father Cronin without voicing any criticism, and then emphasized in boldface type Father Cronin's statement that the "credentials" of "former agents of the F.B.I." should be "scrutinized with care."

(9) "Sources of Information About Communism" (pp. 70-74)

The bibliography of Father Cronin's pamphlet reveals his bias as clearly as the text. Conspicuous by absence is Cardinal Cushing's outstanding book "Questions and Answers on Communism," although Father Cronin lists several books by men who were badly deceived by the Communists. Father Cronin's prejudice against our Catholic missionaries who know Communism from first-hand experience is again apparent by his failure to recommend any of the many fine books on Communism written by priests such as "No Secret Is Safe" by Father Mark A. Tennien, M. M.; "Calvary in China" by Father Robert W. Green, M. M.; "The Enemy Within" by Father Raymond de Jaegher, S. A. M.; "Four Years in Red Hell" by Father Bernard Smyth, S. S. C.; "The Communist Persuasion" by Father Eleutherius Winance, O. S. B.

(10) "Extremists of the right . . . whatever their motives, . . . are effectively aiding the Communist cause." (pages

"I hope it (my pamphlet) . . . will help to undermine the right-wing groups. They will be very unhappy about it but we wrote it that way." (Quotation from Father Cronin in "Newsweek," March 12, 1962, p. 60)

There is no papal encyclical condemning rightwing groups. There is no papal command to "undermine the rightwing groups." The great encyclical on Communism, "Divini Redemptoris," said that "Communism (not rightwing groups) is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever."

Could the question be properly raised as to whether the Communists will benefit from the current attack on the right? On Dec. 5, 1960, the Communist Parties of the world, meeting in Moscow, issued this manifesto: "It is indispensable to wage a resolute struggle against anti-Communism." Cardinal Cushing said: "Ever since then every anti-Communist group has been attacked."

In an article in the August, 1961, issue of the Communist magazine "Political Affairs," Gus Hall, the General Secretary of the Communist Party, called for the defeat of the Right and its elimination as a present danger in American political life.

American Catholics must decide whether to follow Father Cronin and "help to undermine the right-wing groups" or to follow Cardinal Spellman, who said on Dec. 16, 1961: "I beg all Americans courageously to continue and to intensify their anti- Communist programs."

(11) "There is very little that the average citizen can do about Commu-

nism." (p. 50)

Here Father Cronin reveals the tragic thesis of his pamphlet: live a good, Christian _o_ Please turn to page 4 -o-

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life, but do nothing to stop Communism. This advice would paralyze anti-Communist action and resign Americans to the same fate suffered by the Poles, Hungarians and Cubans—all of whom led good, Christian lives.

Contrary to Father Cronin, there is everything the average citizen can do to stop Communism. By taking up the study of Communism, the average American can help to destroy what Cardinal Cushing called "the greatest asset the Communists have at the present time," namely, our "ignorance of their tactics, strategy and objectives."

More than a million letters have poured into official Washington against the recognition of Red China. These letters have been the decisive factor in preventing the State Department from carrying out its plans to recognize Red China.

Showing of the movie "Operation Abolition" by average citizens during the past two years were responsible for the 99% Congressional support of the House Un-American Activities Committee, despite the clever campaign to abolish it. Informed grass roots opinion can bring about the changes in national policy which can defeat world Communism.

The important part the average citizen has in the battle against Communism was accurately summed up by one of the great Christian leaders of our time, the former President of the United Nations, Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon. In a speech made June, 11, 1960, he said:

'Communism started from zero 43 years ago. Today it rigidly controls one-third of mankind and has penetrated and softened up in varying degrees the remaining two-thirds. Was this phenomenal development inevitable? . . . If you believe that they were inevitable—that all these developments could not have been helped—then you are already a Marxist . . . I warn you, therefore, against declining to assume full moral-historical responsibility for what happened during the last two decades. The only hope is to believe, on a basis of truth and not of ignorance or sentiment, that nothing of what transpired was inevitable, and that everything could have been prevented or reversed . . . Western civilization is doomed unless (it is) jolted out of its complacency."

In his fine speech at the 1960 Founders Day ceremonies at St. Louis University, Dr. Malik added: "The first and most important requirement is a belief that the rollback is both necessary and possible . . . Do you really want to roll back Communism? Then you must be prepared to sacrifice much more than you have done. It is not by magic, nor by propaganda, nor by pious resolutions, nor by merely giving away your money, nor by comfortably sitting back and expecting that somebody else will do it for you, that you will succeed in rolling back the tide of Communism.

"It is by sacrificing your possessions, your pleasures, your comforts, your easy living, your time, your energy, your thought, and even perhaps your life. Never was it more true than it is today that he who wishes to save his own life must be prepared to lose it."

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Make Mine Mental Health!

If you still believe in freedom, Aud affection for our land, If our history doesn't bore you, And for truth you make a stand . . . If collective schemes depress you, And authoritarian claims, Then it's time we should impress you, With Mental Health and games! . . . Because it's obvious to a doctor, And a social worker too. That dislike for things collective. Means your mind ain't running true . . . If our 'foreign aid' upsets you, And our efforts to excess, Why, man, it's plain as daylight: Your Mental Health's a mess! If our 'foreign experts' bore you, As they second-guess our losses, If our State Department floors you, As they grovel to pink bosses . . If you gag at wheedling speeches, And the never-ending strife, Then it's time for mental treatment, So that we can save your life . . . If you harbor a resentment, To those who dig our grave, If you feel a surge of anger, When 'Jack' obeys some knave . . . If you itch to grab a shotgun, When Eleanor Roosevelt bleats, There's just no doubt about it, You need restraining sheets . . . If the great 'United' Nations, (With UNESCO text-books flying), Has made inroads on your school board, And you just won't give up trying . . . If you've written to the Senate, Or sent letters to the Press, We'll be down to get you, honey, 'Cause your Mental Health's a mess!

Brick Gizum
(Can be sung to 'Turkey in the Straw)

TO THE EDITOR

This is a sample of thousands of letters COMMON SENSE receives. We seldom publish any as it is more important that we use our limited space to expose the enemy.

December, 31, 1961

Dear Mr. McGinley:

This will be my last letter for this year, but I have put it off long enough.

It is very easy to get so busy just trying to make a living and take care of your family that you forget there may not be a place for them to live and take advantage of the things you give them. Except for people like you that have guts enough to tell the truth, I'm sure there wouldn't be.

My job takes me to many foreign countries and I've always been proud to be known as a citizen of the USA. Now I'm almost ashamed, and would just as soon they didn't recognize me as such. The people of the foreign countries of course don't realize that our government does not represent the majority of the people; and when they laugh at you or look at you with nothing but contempt, you can't usually convince them of the situation that really exists.

I have tried for years to get people to read your paper. Now I'm thankful to say that many people are more easily convinced that they are not being fully informed by the daily papers; and some of the people I've talked to years ago are coming around wanting to know the names of the papers that I had recommended. So, people are waking up; if it just isn't too late.

Will try to be of help to you from time to time. You owe me no thanks. This check is not a gift to you. It is an investment in the future of my three boys.

Captain_

CAPEHART ON FOREIGN AID

The following statement was made by Honorable Homer E. Capehart, United States Senator from Indiana, during a radio address on the Manion Forum:

"There are 110 nations in the world, unless some new ones have sprung up in Africa in the last few weeks and the news has not reached us as yet. Under the Foreign Aid Bill just passed by Congress, 97 of those hundred nations are scheduled to share in our TAXPAYERS' MONEY. Just think of that — 97 out of 110. Under the provisions of this new Foreign Aid Bill, we're going to help 54 NEW AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

Billions from the taxpayers of the United States have enabled Communist, and so-called neutral governments to survive and to collaborate with our enemies. This is true in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Indonesia, and now we are confronted by the frightening threat of complete Communist control of Central and South America, following our TRAGIC FLOP in Cuba.

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